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STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, N.Y., JANUARY 19, 2023 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 19th day of January 2023 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

Honoring Erie County Federation Snowmobile Clubs, Inc. for Their Heroic Efforts During the 2022 Buffalo Blizzard

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature is pleased to honor individuals and institutions in our community who enhance the quality of life for their family, friends, and neighbors through their conscientious and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, a deadly winter storm unleashed a fierce blizzard that swept through Erie County over Christmas weekend, burying the City of Buffalo and surrounding suburbs in over fifty-two inches of snow, leaving roadways impassable, stranding people in cars, forcing hundreds of vehicles to be abandoned on roads and highways, and tragically resulting in the loss of more than forty lives; and

WHEREAS, when the dangerous storm conditions made it impossible for emergency vehicles to respond and caused as much as two-thirds of the snow-clearing equipment to be unavailable for service at the height of the storm, the **WNY Federation of Snowmobile Club's** sprang into action; and

WHEREAS, in the face of howling snow, tropical storm force winds, and freezing temperatures, the Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' members used snowmobiles, Sno-Cat groomers, and ATVs to help rescue people trapped in vehicles, transport essential workers and bring countless people, who were stranded without power, to fire departments or shelters; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the severe challenges and extreme conditions presented by this deadly blizzard, the members of the **Erie County Federation of Snowmobile Clubs** placed themselves in harms way, braved whiteout conditions and subzero windchills, and performed heroically to rescue more than one hundred people who were in great danger during the storm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize the **Erie County Federation Snowmobile Clubs** who left the comfort and safety of their homes and families to come to the aid of their community in a time of great need, making a significant difference in many people's lives.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND SIGNATURE.*

JOHN J. MILLS

*Minority Leader of the
Erie County Legislature*

FRANK J. TODARO

Erie County Legislator

CHRISTOPHER D. GREENE

Erie County Legislator

JAMES MALCZEWSKI, JR.

Erie County Legislator

